

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims, in which deleted text appears ~~struck through~~ or ~~[[double-bracketed]]~~ and inserted text appears underlined, will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for transforming ~~a monocotyledon rice~~, comprising a step of infecting a germinated intact rice seed ~~of the monocotyledon~~ with an Agrobacterium which contains a desired recombinant gene, wherein the seed is ~~a germinated seed which is~~ germinated by being subjected to pre-culture with a medium containing ~~a plant~~ the growth factor 2,4-D for 1 day after sowing.

Claims 2 - 6 (Canceled).